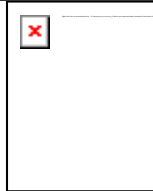


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At a town hall meeting in Homer, Alaska last week, Sen. Mark Begich said he has no problem with the EPA doing its job by performing a Watershed Assessment of Bristol Bay, which also provides the backers of Pebble Mine with more information. “What’s wrong with the EPA telling them ahead of time, ‘Here are the problems you have,’” he told the crowd. “Usually, a company finds out after-the-fact what the EPA objections are, after the money has already been spent. This is one time you will see the list ahead of time.”

A college writer in North Dakota casts the fight against Pebble as a high stakes David vs. Goliath battle. And, a high school student in Vermont penned a letter to the editor in the Juneau Empire that Pebble will be another example of injustice in rural America. He concludes: “The Pebble Mine will kill the fishing industry and an ancient livelihood, leaving Alaskan Natives to suffer as the Pebble Partnership’s CEOs stuff their pockets. Take action, Alaska, before it is too late. You have an opportunity to set the precedent that rural economies are not a mere afterthought in corporate development.”

A geologist who has studied the fault lines around the Pebble site says Pebble’s earthquake data is flawed and the primary author of its seismic assessment isn’t a geologist. In more than 30,000 pages of data, only 7 were devoted to seismic faults and risks, and the analysis fails to establish the location of the nearby Lake Clark fault. Bretwood Higman writes, “PLP must either be strategically holding back information, or else it lacks the expertise to do a real seismic hazard assessment. Put crudely: Either PLP is lying, or it’s incompetent.” Despite the criticism he’s shared with Pebble, he says the Partnership stands by its earthquake analysis.

In other news, the National Resources Defense Council announced that it has delivered more than 100,000 petitions to the White House and EPA pressing President Obama to protect Bristol Bay under the Clean Water Act now.

And, internationally, Pebble's bigger parent company, Anglo American, continues to face extreme labor strife in South Africa, including injured workers, following the company's announcement that will close at least one platinum mine and lay off 14,000 workers.

For more information, visit www.savebristolbay.org

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Begich: Alaska needs to step up for leadership role in time of climate change

Homer Tribune

Naomi Klouda

Alaska's climate change conditions mean new opportunities for shipping and a need to develop ports and harbors around the state, U.S. Sen. Mark Begich told a Homer group on Sunday ... [Click here to read more](#)

Pebble Mine: An Alaskan Nightmare

The Spectrum

Nathan Stottler

Last issue, I discussed at length the parameters of the proposed Pebble Mine project in Bristol Bay, Alaska. It is a massive gold and copper open-pit mine located at the headwaters of the most productive salmon fishery in the world ... [Click here to read more](#)

Concerned about Pebble Mine

Juneau Empire

Sam Coffin

I am a high school student from rural New England who is concerned with the Pebble Mine in the Bristol Bay region. The Pebble Partnership's vague proposal is alarming because its location threatens an ancient way of life. Salmon fishing is vital to not only the identity of the people of Alaska, but to the economic welfare of the region ... [Click here to read more](#)

President Obama: Protect Bristol Bay, Stop the Pebble Mine

Switchboard

Joel Reynolds

NRDC staff attorney Taryn Kiekow and I were in Washington, D.C.

this week for meetings at the White House, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of the Interior, and congressional offices. After a month of activism by NRDC members and activists asking President Obama to protect Bristol Bay from the Pebble Mine and other large scale mining in the Bristol Bay watershed ... [Click here to read more](#)

Confessions of an Earthquake Detective

Ground Truth Trekking

Bretwood Higman

2012 was a busy year for scientists working on issues related to Pebble Mine. I'm one of those scientists. I received my PhD studying tsunamis and learned a bit about earthquakes along the way. Given that PLP hopes to build giant dams that need to stand forever, earthquakes are a fairly important question ... [Click here to read more](#)

The Last Cast – No Pebble Mine

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Will Obama ignore will of the people to OK Pebble Mine?

The Examiner

Cathy Tabbi

It is one of the worst environmental disasters in the making. The already-infamous Pebble Mine would forever alter and destroy one of the last unspoiled, biologically diverse and economically important watersheds (and salmon runs) in the country ... [Click here to read more](#)

South Africa: Shooting at Anglo American Mine

Sky News

Police said the attacks at the Anglo American Platinum (Amplats) site in Rustenburg were provoked by a dispute between two rival unions. The news agency Reuters said around 1,000 members of the Association for Mineworkers and Construction Union gathered at the mine ... [Click here to read more](#)

EPA Stretches Delivery Time on Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment

Alaska Native News

Fishermen's News Online

The US Environmental Protection Agency is adding another layer to its Bristol Bay watershed assessment, a document that could ultimately play a critical role in mining ventures bordering on the fisheries rich waters of Southwest Alaska [Click here to read more](#)

Emotions run high over EPA's Bristol Bay watershed study

Alaska Dispatch

Margaret Bauman

A decision by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to further review and add to information gathered for the Bristol Bay watershed assessment is being greeted with disappointment and dismay by those opposed to a massive copper mine ... [Click here to read more](#)

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